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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring the budget submissions of state agencies to  
2 utilize a zero=base approach.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
4 TLSB 2175XS 83  
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1 1 Section 1. Section 8.23, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code  
1 2 2009, is amended to read as follows:  
1 3 a. The estimates of expenditure requirements shall ~~be~~  
~~1 4 based upon seventy-five percent of the funding provided for~~  
~~1 5 the current fiscal year accounted for by program reduced by~~  
~~1 6 the historical employee vacancy factor in form specified by~~  
~~1 7 the director and the remainder of the estimate of expenditure~~  
~~1 8 requirements prioritized by program utilize a zero=base~~  
~~1 9 approach of providing sufficient supporting data and~~  
~~1 10 explanations to justify each expenditure as though it were a~~  
~~1 11 new expenditure. The estimates shall include a prioritization~~  
~~1 12 of each expenditure in relation to the other expenditures~~  
~~1 13 transmitted. The estimates shall be accompanied with by~~  
1 14 performance measures for evaluating the effectiveness of the  
1 15 program.  
1 16 Sec. 2. Section 602.1301, subsection 2, paragraph a,  
1 17 unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2009, is amended to read as  
1 18 follows:  
1 19 As early as possible, but not later than December 1, the  
1 20 supreme court shall submit to the legislative services agency  
1 21 the annual budget request and detailed supporting information  
1 22 for the judicial branch. The submission shall be designed to  
1 23 assist the legislative services agency in its preparation for  
1 24 legislative consideration of the budget request. The  
1 25 information submitted shall contain and be arranged in a  
1 26 format substantially similar to the format specified by the  
1 27 director of management and used by all departments and  
1 28 establishments in transmitting to the director estimates of  
1 29 their expenditure requirements pursuant to section 8.23,  
~~1 30 except the estimates of expenditure requirements shall be~~  
~~1 31 based upon one hundred percent of funding for the current~~  
~~1 32 fiscal year accounted for by program, and using the same line~~  
~~1 33 item definitions of expenditures as used for the current~~  
~~1 34 fiscal year's budget request, and the remainder of the~~  
~~1 35 estimate of expenditure requirements prioritized by program by~~  
2 1 utilizing a zero=base approach of providing sufficient  
2 2 supporting data and explanations to justify each expenditure  
2 3 as though it were a new expenditure. The estimates shall  
2 4 include a prioritization of each expenditure in relation to  
2 5 the other expenditures submitted. The supreme court shall  
2 6 also make use of the department of management's automated  
2 7 budget system when submitting information to the director of  
2 8 management to assist the director in the transmittal of  
2 9 information as required under section 8.35A. The supreme  
2 10 court shall budget and track expenditures by the following  
2 11 separate organization codes:  
2 12 EXPLANATION  
2 13 This bill requires the budget submissions of executive  
2 14 branch departments and the judicial branch to utilize a zero=  
2 15 base approach.  
2 16 Under current law in Code section 8.23, the executive  
2 17 branch departments' estimates of expenditure requirements are  
2 18 based upon 75 percent of the funding provided for the current

2 19 fiscal year as adjusted by the historical employee vacancy  
2 20 factor. The remaining expenditure requirements are  
2 21 prioritized by program. Under the bill's zero-base approach,  
2 22 the expenditure requirements must provide sufficient  
2 23 supporting data and explanations to justify each expenditure  
2 24 as though it were a new expenditure. The estimates are also  
2 25 required to include a prioritization of each expenditure in  
2 26 relation to the other expenditures transmitted.  
2 27 Under current law in Code section 602.1301, unlike the  
2 28 requirement of the executive branch, the supreme court must  
2 29 submit an annual operating budget for the judicial branch that  
2 30 is based upon 100 percent of the funding provided for the  
2 31 previous fiscal year. As with the executive branch  
2 32 departments, the bill replaces the 100 percent requirement  
2 33 with a zero-base approach requiring data and explanations for  
2 34 each expenditure and a prioritization of the expenditures.  
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